



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 9, 2012, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 6:10 PM. Mr. Cafarelli requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Thomas Andriola, Dominic Cafarelli, Nancy del Prado, Eileen French, Mark Moran, Mark Sabatini, and Gary Spadaro*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath and Chris Ruberti*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 6:10 PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:05 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The public session was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:10 PM. Mr. Cafarelli requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Thomas Andriola, Dominic Cafarelli, Nancy del Prado, Eileen French, Mark Moran, Mark Sabatini and Gary Spadaro*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath, Chris Ruberti, David Collins, Tim Hulihan, Gerry Garing, Makensie Bullinger, Debra Male, Karla Empie, Joseph Scalise, Diane McIver, Deborah Kavanaugh and Lisa Cutting*

Others in Attendance: *1 faculty member*

Communications - Superintendent

Literacy Across the Curriculum Overview/Update

Literacy Across the Curriculum Overview/Update - Dr. Spring turned the meeting over to Mrs. Lisa Cutting to present an overview and update on Literacy Across the Curriculum. Mrs. Cutting gave some background information on some of the ways English Language Arts instruction has changed over the past several years. She discussed the fact that a special focus has been made to incorporate the teaching of literacy into content and special areas. Mrs. Cutting also discussed the different methods used to evaluate student progress. Each of the building principals spoke briefly about the ELA initiatives in their buildings. Mrs. Cutting concluded the presentation by saying that Mohonasen has stayed ahead of the curve in its approach to teaching literacy.

Budget Update

Budget Update - Dr. Spring stated that the Governor will be presenting his budget next week and we will have more details at that point. She said that more tax levy cap information was released last week and asked Mrs. Swezey to give an update on the new information.

Mrs. Swezey stated that the base tax levy growth factor which takes into account

new construction in the towns of Rotterdam, Guilderland and Colonie was expected to show an increase of approximately 1%. However, the newest data out appears to show a growth factor of only 0.0015% which translates to an increase of only \$33,000 that can be added to the tax levy cap.

**Student
Representatives**

No student representatives were present at the meeting.

**Communications –
Board of Education**

Mr. Sabatini said that he and Mr. Spadaro attended a session last week where students are in the process of tracking how many steps they take in the course of a day as part of the PEP grant. He said the grant is off and running.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

No comments were made.

**New Business -
Instructional**
*Special Education
Recommendations*

Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education for meetings held on November 8 and 30; December 5, 7, 13, 14, 16, 19 and 27, 2012. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approved Girls' Varsity
Bowling Team to
Participate in a
Tournament in
Poughkeepsie, NY*

Request Approval for Girls' Varsity Bowling Team to Participate in a Tournament in Poughkeepsie, NY on January 14, 2012

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Moran, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls' Varsity Bowling Team to travel to Poughkeepsie, New York to compete in the 8th Annual Ralph DeStefano Bowling Tournament on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approved 7th & 8th
Grade Foreign
Language Students to
Participate in a Field
Trip to Montreal*

Request Approval for 7th and 8th Grade Foreign Language Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Montreal, Canada on March 30 and 31, 2012

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the request for 7th and 8th grade Foreign Language students to participate in a field trip to Montreal, Canada on March 30 and 31, 2012. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**New Business –
Business/Personnel**
*Approved Contract with
Kinney Management
Solutions, LLC for
Medicaid Reimburse-
ment Services*

Request Approval of Contract with Kinney Management Services, LLC for Medicaid Reimbursement Services

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the Board of Education authorize a contract for Medicaid Reimbursement Services with

Kinney Management Services, LLC
3 Tallow Wood Drive, Suite G
Clifton Park, New York 12065

to provide licensing services for the use of Ksystems, WebDoKs and Kchecks to the District for the period beginning January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 for a licensing fee of \$6,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Accepted the Donation of a Used Electric Typewriter

Request for Acceptance of Donation of Used Electric Typewriter

MOTION made by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education accepts the donation of a used electric typewriter. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Established 2011-2012 Non-Resident Tuition Rates

Request to Establish 2011-12 Non-Resident Tuition Rates

MOTION made by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the following tuition rates for use during the 2011-12 school year:

	Tuition for Regular Ed. Pupil	Tuition for Special Ed. Pupil
Full Day Kindergarten	\$5,776	\$12,042
Grades 1-6	\$5,776	\$12,042
Grades 7-12	\$6,378	\$12,644

The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Contract with Kathryn Stone, RN for Nursing Services during the 2011-12 School Year

Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Kathryn Stone, RN for Nursing Services during the 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Kathryn Stone, 36 Country Fair Lane, Glenville, NY 12302, to provide nursing services to District resident student(s) at a cost of \$20.00 per hour, for approximately \$35,000, for the period commencing January 9, 2012 and continuing through June 22, 2012. Mrs. del Prado questioned the wording of the resolution. After a brief discussion, the motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved District Level Lead Evaluators for APPR

Request Approval of District Level Lead Evaluators for APPR

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the following administrators as they have been properly trained as Lead Evaluators:

Lead Evaluators of Teachers

Kathleen Spring	David Collins	Gerald Garing
Patrick McGrath	Chris Ruberti	Makensie Bullinger
Diane McIver	Joseph Scalise	Tim Hulihan
Michele Whitley	Karla Empie	Deborah Kavanaugh
Debra Male	Lisa Cutting	

Lead Evaluators of School Leaders

Kathleen Spring
Patrick McGrath

The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Bids/Change

Orders and 3) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meetings held on December 5 and 19, 2011.

Approved Bids

Bids/Change Orders

Bid Award for High School Door and Window Replacement

- APPROVED the bid award for Phase II of EXCEL Capital Project, Contract #16 – High School Door and Window Replacement to:

Wainschaf Associates, Inc.
65 Washington Street
Rensselaer, New York 12144

Contract #16 - \$233,000.00

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Appointments

Melissa Antonini

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: November 1, 2011
Expiration Date: Close of business January 18, 2012 *(amended from 11/7/11 agenda)*
Certification Status: Early Childhood Ed. (B-Gr. 2), Initial; Childhood Ed. (Gr. 1-6), Initial; Reading Teacher, Permanent
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Emery Dergosits, Jr.

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: October 25, 2011
Expiration Date: Close of business March 30, 2012 *(amended from the 11/7/11 agenda)*
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Barbara Wurz

Assignment: PEP Grant Manager Consultant
Effective Date: January 3, 2012 – September 30, 2012
Salary: \$400 per diem

PE Lead Teacher Positions (PEP Grant) (January 3 – September 30, 2012)

Teacher	Stipend
Nikki Steele	\$3,750
Doug Hallberg	\$3,750
Katie Murnane	\$3,750
Karolyn DeVito	\$3,750

Appointments Cont'd**Extracurricular Advisors/Pinewood – 2011 - 2012 (Stipend per MTA Contract)**

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Co-Advisor
Student Council	Brianna DiBiase (<i>effective 1/3/2012</i>)

Michael Stone

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor (Level II)
Effective Date: February 21, 2012 – April 17, 2012
Salary: \$16.00 /hour

Jennifer Raucci

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: November 21, 2011
Salary: \$9.50 /hour

Deborah Burrows

Assignment: Substitute Typist
Effective Date: January 10, 2012
Salary: \$12.55 /hour

Richard Graham

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: January 9, 2012
Salary: \$13.90 /hour

Resignations

Margaret Hupe-Cole

Assignment: Substitute RPN
Effective Date: December 16, 2011
Assignment: Substitute Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: December 16, 2011

Richard Villa II

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: January 2, 2012

Laura Stickle

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Bradt Elementary School Cafeteria
Effective Date: Close of business December 21, 2011

Rebecca Pollick

Assignment: Co-advisor Pinewood Student Council
Effective Date: Close of business December 23, 2011

Leaves of Absence

Susan Weinberg

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant
Effective Dates: January 13, 2012 – close of business February 17, 2012
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

**Leaves of Absence
Cont'd**

Shylo Mosier
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Dates: October 25, 2011 – March 30, 2012 (*amended from 11/7/11 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Removal from Service

Janet Linkowski
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: January 9, 2012

Meghanlee Friedman
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: December 1, 2011

Meghanlee Friedman
Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: December 1, 2011

Privilege of the Floor No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Moran, that an executive session be convened at 8:25 PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:05 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:06 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk